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Letter dated 12 October 1998 from the Chairman of the Committee on Information to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

The General Assembly, in its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, had requested that a report on integration of United Nations information centres with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) be submitted to the Assembly at its fifty-third session.

This issue was brought to the attention of the members of the Bureau of the Committee on Information at the meeting held on 4 September 1998. Subsequently, the members of the Bureau, having sought the views of their regional and substantive groups on the matter, reported on the consensus among the membership that an important policy issue such as integration of United Nations information centres with field offices of UNDP should first be carefully considered by the Committee before being considered by the General Assembly.

Accordingly, the report requested in General Assembly resolution 52/220 will be prepared for consideration by the Committee on Information at its twenty-first session in 1999. Following due deliberations on the report, the Committee will submit its recommendations to the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.

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